

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-56 Canceled

44 57. (Previously Amended) An information acquisition apparatus for communicating with at least one information server through an Internet, comprising:

reading means, after setting an information recording medium in the reading means, for automatically initiating reading of information stored in said set information recording medium;

address-information acquisition means for acquiring address information automatically when said reading of information is initiated upon said information recording medium being set in said reading means, said address information indicating an address position of a homepage provided in said information server for transmitting related information related to said information recording medium, and corresponding to said information recording medium; and

related-information acquisition means for accessing said homepage through said Internet based on said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition means so that said related information related to said information recording medium can be acquired from said information server.

Claim 58 Canceled

59. (Previously Amended) The information acquisition apparatus according to claim 57, further comprising display control means for performing control to display said related information acquired by said related-information acquisition means.

Claims 60-62 Canceled

63. (Previously Amended) The information acquisition apparatus according to claim 57, further comprising transmitting means for transmitting said information acquired by said reading means to a communication network,

wherein said transmitting means transmits an identification information of said information recording medium acquired by said reading means into said information server.

Claim 64 Canceled

65. (Previously Amended) An information acquisition apparatus for communicating with at least one information server provided with related information related to an information recording medium through an Internet, comprising:

reading means for automatically initiating reading of information stored in said information recording medium which stores at least one music after setting said information recording medium;

address-information acquisition means for acquiring address information when said reading of information is initiated upon said information recording medium being set in said reading means, said address information indicating an address position of a homepage provided in said information server for transmitting related information related to said information recording medium, and corresponding to said information recording medium; and

related-information acquisition means for accessing said homepage through said Internet based on said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition means, and thereby acquiring said related information from said information

server, wherein said related information includes at least one information of a list of music title, a lyric, a singer, a homepage of the singer, a lyricist, a composer, players, a title of the information recording medium, a picture of jacket of the information recording medium, and a producer of the information recording medium.

66. (Previously Amended) An information recording medium, in which recorded information is read out by reading means provided in an information acquisition apparatus for communicating with at least one information server including a homepage through an Internet, and which is removable with said reading means, comprising:

address information of said homepage for allowing said information acquisition apparatus to access said homepage automatically when said reading of information is automatically initiated upon said information recording medium being set in said reading means, said address information being previously stored in and corresponding to said medium.

Claim 67 Canceled

68. (Previously Amended) An information acquisition method for acquiring information by way of communicating with at least one information server through an Internet, comprising:

an automatic reading step, after setting an information recording medium onto information reading means, for automatically initiating reading of information stored in said set information recording medium by said information reading means;

an address-information acquisition step of acquiring address information automatically when said reading of information is automatically initiated upon said

information recording medium being set in said reading means, said address information indicating an address position of a homepage provided in said information server for transmitting related information related to said information recording medium, and corresponding to said information recording medium; and

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a related-information acquisition step of accessing said homepage through said Internet based on said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition step so that related information related to said information recording medium can be acquired from said information server.

Claims 69-71 Canceled

72. (Previously Amended) The information acquisition method according to claim 68, further comprising a transmitting step: wherein said transmitting step transmits an identification information of said information recording medium acquired by said reading step into said information server.

73. (Previously Added) The information acquisition method according to claim 68, further comprising a display control step of performing control to display said related information acquired by said related-information acquisition step.

Claim 74 Canceled

75. (Previously Amended) An information acquisition apparatus for communicating with at least one information server through an Internet, comprising:

a reading unit, after setting an information recording medium in the reading unit, for automatically initiating reading of information stored in said set information recording medium;

an address-information acquisition unit for acquiring address information from said read out information automatically when said reading of information is initiated upon said information recording medium being set in said reading unit, said address information indicating an address position of a homepage provided in said information server for transmitting related information related to said information recording medium, and corresponding to said information recording medium; and

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a related-information acquisition unit for accessing said homepage through said Internet based on said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition unit so that said related information related to said information recording medium can be acquired from said information server.

76. (Previously Amended) An information acquisition apparatus for communicating with at least one information server provided with related information related to an information recording medium through an Internet, comprising:

a reading unit for automatically initiating reading of information stored in said information recording medium which stores at least one music after setting said information recording medium;

an address-information acquisition unit for acquiring address information when said reading of information is automatically initiated upon said information recording medium being set in said reading unit, said address information indicating an address position of a homepage provided in said information server for transmitting related information related to said information recording medium, and corresponding to said information recording medium; and

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a related-information acquisition unit for accessing said homepage through said Internet based on said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition unit, and thereby acquiring said related information from said information server, wherein said related information includes at least one information of a list of music title, a lyric, a singer, a homepage of the singer, a lyricist, a composer, players, a title of the information recording medium, a picture of jacket of the information recording medium, and a producer of the information recording medium.

77. (Previously Amended) An information recording medium removably set on reading means provided on an information acquisition apparatus for communicating with at least one information server including a homepage, and storing at least one music read out by the reading means, comprising:

address information of said homepage for allowing said information acquisition apparatus to access said homepage automatically when said reading of information is automatically initiated upon said information recording medium being set in said reading means and to acquire related information of said information recording medium, said address information being previously stored in and corresponding to said medium,

wherein said related information includes at least one information of a list of music title, a lyric, a singer, a homepage of the singer, a lyricist, a composer, players, a title of the information recording medium, a picture of jacket of the information recording medium, and a producer of the information recording medium.

78. (Previously Amended) An information acquisition method for acquiring information by way of communicating with at least one information server through an Internet, comprising:

an automatic reading step, after setting an information recording medium onto information reading means, for automatically initiating reading of information stored in said set information recording medium by said information reading means;

an address-information acquisition step of acquiring address information automatically when said reading of information is initiated upon said information recording medium being set in said reading means, said address information indicating an address position of a homepage provided in said information server for transmitting related information related to said information recording medium, and corresponding to said information recording medium; and

a related-information acquisition step of accessing said homepage through said Internet based on said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition step so that related information related to said information recording medium can be acquired from said information server, wherein said related information includes at least one information of a list of music title, a lyric, a singer, a homepage of the singer, a lyricist, a composer, players, a title of the information recording medium, a picture of jacket of the information recording medium, and a producer of the information recording medium.